From:	Kelley, Craig
To:	Samuel S Spektor Jr
Subject:	RE: Hewlett Packard resolution before the Cambridge City Council this coming Monday
Date:	Friday, April 20, 2018 11:42:00 AM

Samuel:

This item is not on the Council agenda and I have not seen it or a draft of it. There is, thus far, nothing to reject.

Craig

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From: Samuel S Spektor Jr [mailto:sspektor@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov>
Subject: Hewlett Packard resolution before the Cambridge City Council this coming Monday

Dear Mr. Kelley,

My wife and I live in Cambridge on Coolidge Hill. We have been Cambridge residents for the past 29 years.

We understand that the Council is scheduled to consider a resolution demanding the boycott of Hewlett Packard. We understand that this boycott is called for because of HP's alleged support for Israel's occupation of "Palestinian lands." This initiative seems to be fostered by the BDS movement. That movement has announced, over and over again, that its main objective is the destruction of Israel. That objective is an abomination and anyone who supports that objective is delusional in their thinking. That movement has been harshly criticized and rejected by, among others, former President Obama, Massachusetts Senators Warren and Markey, Representative Capuano, former Governor Deval Patrick, and the current governors of all 50 states.

As Cambridge residents, my wife and I strongly object to our elected officials on the Council even considering this resolution or spending any valuable Council time on it. The Cambridge City Council is elected to serve the electorate of Cambridge, not to try to make foreign policy. We want the Council to concentrate on fixing potholes, fixing schools and fixing services in Cambridge. That is what we elected you for. We did not elect you to weigh in on resolutions which you know little about, have nothing to do with the City of Cambridge and the good people who live here, and are proposed by a group of people who do not have the best interests of Cantabrigians in mind. In fact, the group that is proposing the resolution is repugnant in both their tactics and aims.

On a personal basis, my wife and I think that the proposed resolution calling for the boycott is wrong. It is not only wrong, but abhorrent. On a broader level, the aim of the resolution involves a very complicated situation. With all due respect, the Cambridge City Council is not the forum to consider the situation. As public servants to your constituents, we ask you to work to better our great city, not to engage in topics raised by the whim of some people who do not really care about Cambridge, but have an agenda that is anathema to the vast majority of the voters of this city. As Tip O'Neill, the former Speaker of The House of Representatives, and a life long resident of Cambridge said, "all politics is local." Please see that the potholes are fixed and please stay away from horrendous resolutions which have no place on the City Council's agenda.

We, and many many of our friends in Cambridge vote in every Cambridge City Council election. Your rejection of this resolution is very important to us. We'll be watching your actions very closely.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Samuel S. Spektor, Jr.